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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Connecticut General Assembly
Joint Committee on Energy and Technology
Legislative Office Building, Room 3900
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RE: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS - Raised House Bill No. 5351:
AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND TO INCENTIVIZE AND IMPLEMENT
ELECTRIC ENERGY STORAGE RESOURCES

Dear Joint Committee on Energy and Technology:

Trinity Solar ("Trinity") employees approximately 300 solar industry workers in Connecticut. Our Connecticut headquarters is in Cheshire and our workers install, on average, 275 solar electric systems every month on Connecticut homes. According to data collected and compiled by the Connecticut Green Bank ("CTGB"), Trinity is the largest residential solar installer in the state.

With respect to HB 5351, we strongly believe the Residential Solar Incentive Program ("RSIP") should be extended and its extension be included in this bill. Elimination of RSIP will impact small solar installers in the state who will likely be unable to continue installing solar. It will have a devastating impact to those companies providing energy efficiency upgrades where their services will no longer be needed, and it will undermine the many investments previously made by Connecticut into the energy sector especially at a time when the Federal

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Government is undoing all the progress our country has made in our fight against Climate Change.

We strongly encourage the Connecticut Legislature to extend RSIP and continue its investment in our Clean Energy future. At a minimum, the incentive should follow a gradual reduction glidepath rather than an abrupt end.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Merrick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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